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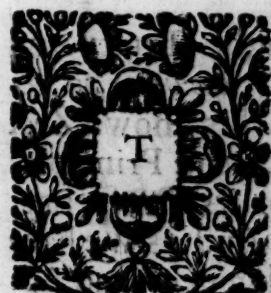
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Held and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the Ninth Day of *May* 1745, and concluded the 20th Day of the said Month and Year.

I.
The King's Commission to ALEXANDER Earl of Leven, produced, and ordered to be recorded.

At Edinburgh the Ninth Day of May, 1745, Sess. II.



THE General Assembly of this National Church being Convened and Constituted, there was produced to them by the Right Honourable *Alexander Earl of Leven* his Majesty's Commission, sealed with the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union, to be kept and used in *Scotland* in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him His Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly, of the same Tenor with the Commission granted to his Lordship last Year, and the Years 1741, 1742, 1743, which Commission was publicly read with all due Honour and Respect, and appointed to be recorded in the Books of this Assembly,

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*The King's most Gracious LETTER to the
General Assembly, presented to them
by His Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 9th. 1745. Sess. I.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet You well. The sincere and constant Zeal you have shewn for the Glory of GOD, and the Advancement of true Religion and Piety; and the remarkable Loyalty and Affection you have ever expressed for Our Person and Government in your former Assemblies, fully persuade Us at this Time, you will be directed by the same laudable Spirit; and therefore We most willingly Countenance your present Meeting by our Approbation and Royal Authority; and We take this Opportunity to renew to you the Assurances of Our firm Resolution, to support and maintain all the Rights and Privileges of the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law established.

As We make no Doubt, but you now come together with the like good Dispositions and Intentions, so you may depend upon Our Protection and Assistance, in all your Endeavours to promote the true Interest of Religion, to prevent the Growth of Popery, and to discourage and suppress Profaneness and Immorality; and as you must be sensible of the great Importance of a good Agreement and Unanimity among yourselves in all your Proceedings, so We hope your Debates will be conducted with all Moderation, brotherly Love and Charity.

We have again made Choice of Our Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousin, *Alexander* Earl of *Leven*, to represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly; his known Zeal for Our Service, and his firm Adherence to the Principles of the Church of *Scotland*, and concern for its Prosperity, will always render him acceptable to you: And as We have the greatest Confidence in his Capacity, Diligence, and Application in the Discharge of so important a Trust, We are persuaded, that you on your Part will contribute every Thing in your Power towards the unanimous and speedy Dispatch of the Business proper for your Consideration; and the attaining the good and desirable Ends for which you are now

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Conveened; and so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the 18th Day of April 1745, and in the Eighteenth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

TWEEDDALE.

Directed,

To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved,
the Moderator, Ministers, and Elders
of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of
the CHURCH of Scotland.



III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 11th, 1745. Sess. 3.

May it please your Majesty,

TH E very Gracious Letter with which Your Majesty has been pleased to honour us, was received with all the Duty and Thankfulness, becoming loyal Subjects, sensible of the great Happiness they enjoy, under Your benign and auspicious Government.

That Your Majesty is pleased so willingly to countenance our Meeting in this Assembly, by Your Royal Approbation and Authority, cannot but affect us with the more warm and lively Sense of Gratitude, that it is supported by such honourable Sentiments, of the Zeal shewn for the Glory of GOD, and the Advancement of true Religion; and the Loyalty and Affection exprest for Your Majesty's Person and Government in our former Assemblies, and such a full Persuasion, that we will be directed by the same laudable Spirit in this Assembly. So obliging a Confidence in us, must render us utterly inexcusable, if by any Neglect of our Duty we should disappoint it; and should forfeit the Applauses our Sovereign discovers such forwardness to bestow on us.

Your Majesty's renewed Assurances, of Your firm Resolution, to support and maintain all the Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as by Law established, oblige us in the strongest Manner, to renew our humble and dutiful Expressions, of the most inviolable Affection and Loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Government; of our entire Reliance on Your Royal Assurances, and of our firm Confidence in Your Protection and Favour.

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Your Majesty's Goodness in entertaining such a firm Persuasion of the good Dispositions and Intentions, with which we are now come together; and so strongly encouraging our Dependence upon Your Royal Protection and Assistance, in our Endeavours to do what is our unquestionable Duty, lays us under additional Obligations, to use our best Endeavours for promoting the true Interest of Religion; for preventing the Growth of Popery, and for discouraging and suppressing Profaneness and Immorality. And the Sense we must have of the great Importance of a good Agreement and Unanimity among our selves in all our Proceedings; and that our Debates be conducted with all Moderation, brotherly Love and Charity, highly recommend to us such a Compliance with Your Majesty's Kind and Gracious Injunctions, as may answer Your favourable Hopes.

The Continuance of Your Royal Bounty, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion in the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, we most thankfully receive, as a fresh Instance of Your paternal Regard, and of Your generous Designs, for the greatest Good of Your Subjects; which obliges us to the strictest Care in managing this Your Royal Donation, in such Manner, as may best answer the Purposes of so tender a Nursing Father.

Your Majesty's repeated Choice of the Earl of *Leven*, to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, could not fail to be most agreeable to us; and to be regarded by us, as a further Proof of Your Royal Favour. His known Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, and his firm Adherence to the Principles of the Church of *Scotland*, and Concern for its Prosperity, must always render him acceptable to us: And it is with the greatest Satisfaction, we observe the just Confidence Your Majesty has in his Capacity, Diligence, and Application in the Discharge of so important a Trust. We should be highly culpable, if we were wanting on our Part, to contribute every Thing in our Power, towards the unanimous and speedy Dispatch of the Business proper for our Consideration, and the attaining the good and desirable Ends, for which we are now convened.

That GOD may long preserve Your Majesty, for the good of all your People, and the maintaining the true Protestant Interest, the Liberties of Mankind, and the Balance of *Europe*; That your Sacred Person and valuable Life, may always and every where, be under the Protection of his good and watchful Providence; That he may abundantly bless the Prince and Princesses of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Branches of your Royal Family; and that there may never be wanting one of your most illustrious House, to sway the Scepter of these Realms, while Sun and Moon endure; That he may prosper your Arms, and those of your Allies,

Allices, against the common Disturbers of the Peace of Europe; And that after a long and prosperous Reign over a free and happy People, you may at last inherit a Crown of Glory, that fadeth not away; are, and shall be the hearty and unfeigned Prayers of

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Sign'd in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

WILL. WISHART Moderator.

IV.

Act concerning the Fund for a Provision to the Widows and Children of the Ministers of this Church.

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1745, Sess. 8.

TH.E. General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having had laid before them a Representation, of the Trustees, nominated and appointed by the late Act of Parliament, for managing the Fund for a Provision to the Widows and Children of the Ministers of the Church of Scotland, and of the Heads, Principals and Masters of the Universities of *St. Andrews, Glasgow and Edinburgh*, setting forth, That by the Delay of several Presbyteries, in transmitting timeously the Lists of Particulars necessary to be known by the Trustees, it was with the utmost Difficulty that they could make the Charge on the Collector in due Time; which Delay was occasioned, in a great Measure, through Presbyteries, not keeping a separate Register, according to the fourth Act of the late General Assembly, appointing every Presbytery to keep a separate Register, and therein to record the Names and Parish-churches of the several Ministers, Members of their respective Presbyteries, with the particular Dates of their Admissions and Marriages, and also the Dates of the Birth

Birth or Death of their Children, and of several other Facts, as the said Act more fully bears; and the Assembly considering the great Inconveniencies that may arise, thro' Presbyteries not duly keeping, and regularly filling up the several Particulars in their said separate Register in an uniform Manner, out of which the Facts may, from time to time, be taken, and in the most authentick Manner attested, and transmitted to the said Trustees: Did therefore, and hereby do renew the foresaid fourth Act of last General Assembly, and strictly enjoin the Observation thereof, (and to the End the same may be the more regularly and uniformly observed) do appoint the several Presbyteries to keep the said separate Register, according to the Plan, this Day agreed upon by the Assembly, and recorded in their Register; and each Minister is hereby required duly to report to the Presbytery, either by himself or by a Letter, any Alteration which shall happen, from time to time, in his Family, at the first Diet of Presbytery, immediately subsequent to such Alteration; or, in case of an unavoidable Necessity preventing his then notifying such Alteration, he shall intimate the same as soon as possible. And the Assembly do appoint the several Synods to call for the said separate Registers, at least once a Year, and carefully inspect the same, and attest, that they are kept according to the Plan referred to in this Act; which Attestation shall also be marked in the Synod's Records: And for the better securing, and more regular Transmission of the foresaid annual Lists to the Trustees, the General Assembly do enact and ordain, That every Presbytery shall meet annually on such Day, betwixt the 11th of *November* and the 11th of *December*, as they shall respectively judge most convenient, (the Presbyteries in the Western and Northern Isles excepted) and shall at such Meeting prepare and transmit to the Trustees Clerk at *Edinburgh*, their respective Lists for the preceeding Year, to the End the Trustees may be the better enabled with Accuracy to carry on the Scheme: And the General Assembly do recommend to, and enjoin the several Presbyteries to be careful in uplifting and transmitting to the Collector-general of the Fund, the Rates due out of vacant Parishes, and out of the Annates in their several Bounds. And the Assembly further appoints the several Presbyteries, so soon as this Act shall come to their Hands, to insert the same, and also the 4th Act of Assembly 1744, in their separate Register, and to acquaint such of their Members as are absent of the Contents of this Act.

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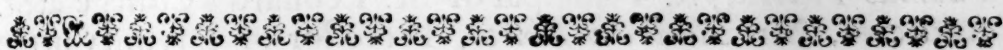
V.

Act prohibiting Synods to disjoin or annex Parishes from one Presbytery to another.

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1745. Sess. 8.



THE General Assembly considering the Inconveniencies that may arise, by Synods passing Acts for Annexation or Disjunction of Parishes, from one Presbytery to another; Did, and hereby do prohibit Synods, to disjoin any Parish from a Presbytery, and annex the same to another, without first having the Authority of the General Assembly; and that what shall be done in Virtue of such Authority, be reported to the Assembly next following, and have their Approbation to any such Annexation or Disjunction.



VI.

Act and Overture about some Pieces of Sacred Poesy.

Edinburgh, May 18th, 1745. Sess. 9.



THE General Assembly had laid before them by their Committee, some Pieces of Sacred Poesy, under the Title of *Translations and Paraphrases of several Passages of Sacred Scripture*, composed by private Persons; and tho' the Assembly have not sufficient Time to consider these Poems maturely, so as to approve or disapprove of them, yet they judge the same may be printed; and do remit the Consideration of them to the several Presbyteries, in order to their transmitting their Observations to the next General Assembly; that they or any subsequent Assembly, may give such Orders about the whole Affair, as they shall judge for Edification; and the Assembly appoint this their Resolution to be prefixed to the Impression.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing His Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1745. Sess. ult.

 HE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint, the Rev. Mr. *William Wishart*, Principal of the College of Edinburgh, their Moderator, Mr. *Niel Campbell*, Principal of the College of Glasgow, Mr. *James Haddow*, Principal of the new College at St. Andrews, Mr. *George Chalmers*, Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph*, Principal of St. Leonard's College at St. Andrews, Mr. *Andrew Shaw*, Professor of Divinity in the University of St. Andrews, Mr. *John Osburn*, Principal of the Marishal College at Aberdeen, Mr. *John Lumisden*, Professor of Divinity in the King's College of Aberdeen, Mr. *John Gowdie*, Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, Masters *Neil MacVicar* at Westkirk, *James Walker* at Canongate, *James Nisbet* at Edinburgh, *John Guthrie* at Ratho, *William Gusthart* at Edinburgh, *John Mathison* there, *George Logan* there, *James Bannatyne* there, *George Fordice* at Corstorphin, *William Robertson* at Edinburgh, *Robert Kinloch* there, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *Thomas Pitcairn* at Westkirk, *Patrick Cuming* at Edinburgh, *James Stevenson* at South Leith, *George Lindsay* at North Leith, *George Wishart* at Edinburgh, *Robert Hamilton* there, *William Aitken* at South Leith, *George Gibson* at Colingtoun, *Alexander Webster* at Edinburgh, *Gilbert Hamilton* at Cramond, *David Monbray* at Currie, *James Glasgow* in the Castle of Edinburgh, *John Fardine* at Libberton, *Hugh Blair* at Canongate, *Robert Pollock* at Dudingston, *David Duncan* at Stow, *Matthew Sandilands-Dysart* at Eccles, *Patrick Nicolson* at Kiltarlary, *Robert Dunbar* at Dyke, *Murdo MacKenzie* at Invernells, *John Crocket* at Dallas, *John MacLennan* at Contin, *William Mair* at Holm, *Donald Fraser* at Kilearnan, *John Adams* at Falkirk, *Patrick Hepburn* at Walstoun, *Thomas Turnbull* at Borthwick, *Archibald Blair* at Garvor,

Garvot, *Alexander Orr* at Hoddam, *Robert Wight* at Dumfries, *Andrew Adair* at Whithorn, *John Campbell* at Isla, *Thomas Ranken* at Kinnoul, *Robert Drummond* at Auchterarder, *James Henry* at Kinghorn, *Henry Spence* at Wymess, *John MacInnes* at Crathie, *George Shepherd* at Tarland, *James Cook* at Keith-hall, *Thomas Montfud* at Kilmalie, *James Nicolson* at Banchory, *John MacAlpin* at Arroquhar, *James Gordon* at Alloa, Ministers; *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden, Lord President of the Court of Session, the most Hon. the Marquis of *Lothian*, the Earl of *Leven*, Lord *Napier*, Lord *Drummore*, Lord *Monzie*, Lord *Elchies*, Lord *Murkle*, Lord *Arniston*, Lord *Tinwald*, Lord Advocate, Mr. Solicitor *Dundas*, *Robert Baillie*, one of the present Baillies of *Edinburgh*, *James Norrie*, Deacon Conveener of the Trades there, Lord Conservator, Provost *Couts*, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of Pencaitland, Sir *Archibald Grant* of Monimusk, Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Mr. *William Law* Advocate, *Albert Monro* of Coul, *John Buchan* of Lethem younger, Doctor *Alexander Martin* of Little-Airies, Doctor *Andrew Plummer*, Mr. *Patrick Boyle*, Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, *John Paton* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Davidson* of Haltree, Mr. *James Baillie* of Hardington, Mr. *James Smollet* of Bonhill, Mr. *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask, Capt. *John Campbell* of Limefield, *John Osburn*, late Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, *John Tetts*, present Baillie of *Edinburgh*, Conveener *Alexander Nisbet*, *George Buchan* of Kello, Mr. *Alexander Bruce* of Kennet, Mr. *Alan Whitefoord* of Ballachmile, and *Robert MacIntosh* Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profanity, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the Ninth Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein mentioned, and in Acts formerly made and referred to, in the Commissions granted to former Committees, any five of the Persons above-named, are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof three to be Ministers: But it is hereby appointed, That, at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing, shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders, at least, shall be a *Quorum*; and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland*, for propagating Christian Knowledge; the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at Ten of the Clock

Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be upon *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be upon the *Monday* next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places as they shall find most needful and convenient: And they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the *Society for propagating Christian Knowledge*, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint the said Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, That no Person once employed, and insert in the Scheme, shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders: And in case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determin'd at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and, in the mean Time, the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such a Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter against their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty is settled, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters, at farthest, with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not done sooner. And that the Committee at their Meeting in *May*, shall name a Sub-committee of their Number, for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a subsequent Meeting.

VIII.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders, for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1745. Sess. ult.

THE General Assembly taking to their serious Consideration, That there are diverse Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate, and appoint the Rev. Mr. *William Wishart*, Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator; and for the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. *Walter Syme* at *Tullinesle*, Mr. *George Campbel* at *Botriphry*, Ministers; *Thomas Grant* of *Achoynanie* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. *John Paul* at *Rothies*, Mr. *John Tough* at *Aberlour*, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Elchies* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Abernerby*, Mr. *Francis Grant* at *Cromdale*, Mr. *Patrick Grant* at *Duthel*, Ministers; *Lauchlan Grant* younger of *Gartenbeg*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. *Robert Miln* at *Speymouth*, Mr. *James Spence* at *Urquhart*, Ministers; *Joseph Brodie* of *Milntoun*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Forreß*, Mr. *John Crokatt* at *Dallas*, Mr. *Robert Dunbar* at *Dyke*, Ministers; *John Anderson* in *Forreß*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Inverness*, Mr. *Patrick Nicolson* at *Kiltarlary*, Mr. *Murdoch MacKenzie* at *Inverness*, Ministers; *Duncan Forbes* of *Culloden*, Esquire, Lord President of the Court of Session, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr. *John Wood* at *Rosemarknie*, Mr. *Donald Frazer* at *Killearnan*, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of *Ardoch*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Taine*, Mr. *Daniel Beton* at *Rosekeen*, Mr. *John Balfour* at *Nigg*, Ministers; *Alexander Rose* in *Nigg*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Dingwall*, Mr. *Alexander Falconer* at *Urquhart*, Mr. *John MacLennan* at *Contin*, Ministers; *Albert Monro* of *Coul*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. *Thomas Frazer* at *Boleskine*, Mr. *Thomas Montfud* at *Kilmalie*, Ministers; Sir *Archibald Grant* of *Monymusk*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Skye*, Mr. *John MacLeod* at *Duirinish*. Mr. *John MacPherson* at *Slate*. From the Prebytery of *Lewis*, Mr. *Colin MacKenzie* at *Lochs*, Mr. *Murdoch Morison* at *Barvas*. From the Presbytery of *Uist*, Mr. *Donald MacLeod* at *North-Uist*, Mr. *William MacLeod* at *Bara*. From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*,

William MacLeod at *Bara*, Ministers; *John MacPherson* at *Slate*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*,

loch, Mr. *Aeneas Sage* at Lochcaron, Mr. *John Beton* at Kintail. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. *Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, Mr. *Francis Robertson* at Clyne. From the Presbytery of Tong, Mr. *Walter Ross* at Tong, Mr. *Murdo MacDonald* at Duirness, Ministers; Mr. *George MacKay* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Caithness, Mr. *James Gilchrist* at Thurso, Mr. *James Oswald* at Dunnet, Ministers; Lord *Murkle*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. *William Mair* at Holm, Mr. *John Ballanden* at South Ronaldshay, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Earl of *Morton*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Cairnston, Mr. *Robert Sands* at Hoy, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Ross* Steward-Depute of Orkney, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of North-Isles, Mr. *Andrew Cowan* at Westray, Mr. *Robert Scollay* at Stronsay, Ministers; *Jerom Dennison* of Noltland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. *Thomas Millar* at Lerwick, Mr. *Matthew Moncrieff* at Bressay, Ministers; *John Craigie*, Steward-Depute of Zetland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *John Gowdie*, Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh, Mr. *James Bannatyne* at Edinburgh, Mr. *John Glen* there, Mr. *George Gibson* at Collington, Mr. *David Moubray* at Currie, Mr. *John Jardine* at Libberton, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Arniston*, *John Tetts*, one of the present Baillies of Edinburgh, Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elders. From the City of Edinburgh, *Robert Baillie*, one of the present Baillies there, *James Norrie*, Deacon Conveener of the Trades there. From the University of Edinburgh, Mr. *Patrick Cuming* Professor of Church History therein. From the Church of Campvere, Mr. *James Tair* Minister there, Mr. *Archibald MacAuley*, Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges therein. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *Robert Dalgleish* at Linlithgow, Mr. *John Adams* at Falkirk, Mr. *George Blackwell* at Bathgate, Mr. *William Brand* at Borrowstounness, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Cardross*, *John Dundas* of Newhalls, Ruling Elders. From the Burgh of Queensferry, the Laird of *Dundas*. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *John Thomson* at Liberton, Mr. *Patrick Hepburn* at Wallstoun, Ministers; *Archibald Bertram* of Nisbet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *Thomas Finlater* at Lintoun, Mr. *William Anderson* at Manner, Ministers; *James Geddes* younger of Rachan, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. *Thomas Turnbull* at Borthwick, Mr. *William Smith* at Cranstoun, Mr. *David Gilchrist* at Newtoun, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Dundas* younger of Arniston, his Majesty's Solicitor, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddington, Mr. *William Carhile* at Prestonpans, Mr. *Archibald Blair* at Garvat, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Bolton, Ministers; Mr. *William Law* Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Haddington,

dington, Sir *Robert Sinclair* of Stevenston, Bart. From the
 Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *George Buchanan* at Tiningham,
 Mr. *John Lundie* at Old Hamstocks, Ministers; Mr. *Tho-*
mas Hamilton Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh
 of Dunbar, Mr. *Alexander Hamilton* of Pencaitland. From
 the Presbytery of Dunse, Mr. *James Hall* at Abbey, Mr.
Matthew Sandilands-Dysart at Eccles, Ministers; Mr.
John Buchan of Lethem, Ruling Elder. From the Pres-
 bytery of Chirnside, Mr. *William Wilson* at Coldstream,
 Mr. *John Tod* at Ladykirk, Mr. *James Allan* at Eymouth,
John Coutts, Esq; late Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Ruling
 Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelso, Mr. *Robert Turn-*
bul at Sproustoun, Mr. *George Redpath* at Stichel, Mi-
 nisters; Mr. *Charles Binning* of Pilmore, Ruling Elder.
 From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *John Johnston* at
 Eckford, Mr. *George Bruce* at Minto, Mr. *James Simson*
 at Wilton, Ministers; the most Hon. the Marquis of *Lothian*,
 Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Jedburgh, the Right Hon.
 the Lord *Minto*. From the Presbytery of Earlstoun, Mr.
David Duncan at Stow, Mr. *Alexander Duncan* at Smal-
 holm, Ministers; *Robert Kennedy* of Greenknow, Ruling
 Elder. From the Burgh of Lauder, *James Rutherford* of
 Bowland. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *Walter*
Stewart at Ashkirk, Mr. *James Mason* at Lessudden, Mini-
 sters; Mr. *Andrew Pringle* younger of Haining, Advocate,
 Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Selkirk, *Andrew Plummer*
 Doctor of Medicine. From the Presbytery of Annan, Mr.
Alexander Orr at Hoddam, Mr. *John Lawrie* at Middle-
 bee, Ministers; *John Johnston* late Provost of Annan, Ru-
 ling Elder. From the Presbytery of Langholm, Mr. *Robert*
Malcolm at Ewes, Mr. *David Balmain* at Wester-kirk,
 Ministers; *William Scot* of Miekledale, Ruling Elder. From
 the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *Gabriel Gulan* at
 Drysdale, Mr. *William Scot* at Kirkpatrick-juxta, Mr. *George*
Barclay at Wamphray, Ministers; *John Chalmers* late Bail-
 lie in Lochmaben, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Loch-
 maben, Mr. *William Kirkpatrick* of Eliesland, one of the
 Principal Clerks of Session. From the Presbytery of Pen-
 pont, Mr. *John Lawson* at Closeburn, Mr. *John Irvine* at
 Sanquhar, Ministers; *Alexander Ferguson* of Craigdarroch,
 Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *Robert*
Wight at Dumfries, Mr. *Edward Bunkle* at Kirkmahoe,
 Mr. *John Edward* at Traquire, Ministers; the Right Hon.
 the Lord *Tinwald*, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Dum-
 fries, *George Bell*, present Provost thereof. From the Pres-
 bytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *Robert Thomson* at Gorton,
 Mr. *Peter Torston* at Kells, Mr. *John Crokar* at Parton,
James Nasmyth of Earthaugh, Ruling Elder. From the
 Presbytery of Wigtown, Mr. *Andrew Adair* at Whithorn,
 Mr. *Robert Hunter* at Kirkcowan, Ministers; Dr. *Alexander*
Murray

Martin of Little-Airies, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *James Tweedale* at Glenluce, Mr. *Robert Ferguson* at Calmonel, Ministers; Mr. *Patrick MacDoual* of Culgroat, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Stranrawer, Mr. *Andrew MacDoual* of Kingseat, Advocate. From the Presbytery of Ayr, Mr. *James Lawrie* at Kirkmichael, Mr. *George Reid* at Ochiltree, Mr. *Thomas Walker* at Dundonald, Mr. *William Auld* at Machline, Mr. *William Walker* at Monkton, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander Boswal* younger of Affleck, Advocate, Mr. *Allan Whiteford* of Ballachmile, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. *William MacKneight* at Irvine, Mr. *Robert Baird* at Dunlop, Mr. *Robert Findlay* at Stevenston, Ministers; Mr. *Patrick Boyle* of Shewaltoun, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Irvine, Mr. *James MacKneight* Residenter there. From the Presbytery of Paisley, Mr. *Robert Mitchel* at Paisley, Mr. *John Pinkerton* at Lochwinnoch, Mr. *William Fleming* junior at Paisley, Mr. *Alexander Scot* at Killallen, Ministers; *Archibald Campbell* of Elderslie, Writer to the Signet, and Baillie *Milliken*, Merchant in Port-glasgow, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Renfrew, Baillie *William Somervell*. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. *James Millar* at Hamilton, Mr. *John Muirhead* at Glasford, Mr. *David Connel* at Kilbryde, Ministers; *John Millar* of Milnhaugh, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanerk, Mr. *James Braidfoot* at Dunfyre, Mr. *Andrew Orr* at Carluke, Mr. *John Hepburn* at Crawford, Ministers; Mr. *James Baillie* of Hardington, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. *John Corse* at Glasgow, Mr. *John Erskine* at Kirkintilloch, Mr. *John Warden* at Campsie, Ministers; *Thomas Wallace* of Cairnhill, Ruling Elder. From the City of Glasgow, *John Murdoch*, one of the present Baillies thereof. From the University of Glasgow, Mr. *Niel Campbell*, Principal of the College there. From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. *John Smith* at Fintry, Mr. *John MacAlpin* at Arroquhar, Mr. *John Colquhoun* at Badernock, Ministers; Mr. *James Smollet* of Bonhill, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. *Robert Glen* at Lochgoylhead, Mr. *James Stewart* at Kingarth, Ministers; Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglass, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. *John Campbell* at Isla, Mr. *David Campbell* at Southend, Ministers; *Alexander MacMillan* of Dunmore, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. *Patrick Campbell* at Northknapdale, Mr. *Robert Fullarton* at Kilmichael, Ministers; *Colin Campbell* of Kilbride, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, Ruling Elder. From the Burgh of Inverary, Capt. *John Campbell* of Limefield. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *James Campbell* at Kilmore, Mr. *Archibald Campbell* at Lillmore, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr.

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John MacLean at Kilmuir, *Mr. Archibald MacQueen* at Suezort, Ministers; *Hector MacLean* of Torloisk, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, *Mr. Alexander MacLaggan* at Little Dunkeld, *Mr. Robert Robertson* at Kinloch, *Mr. Alexander Campbel* at Weem, *Mr. Robert Anderson* at Kinloch, Ministers; *John Campbel* of Achalader, and *Mr. Robert Mackintosh* Agent for the Church, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, *Mr. George Meek* at Rogortoun, *Mr. Thomas Ranken* at Kinnoul, *Mr. James Weyniss* at Errol, *Mr. John Faichney* at Colleslie, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Robert Craigie* of Glendog, His Majesty's Advocate, and *George Hay* of Leys, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Perth, *Robert Robertson* Dean of Guild thereof. From the Presbytery of Stirling, *Mr. James Gordon* at Alloa, *Mr. William Forbes* at Airth, Ministers; *Alexander Bruce* of Kennet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, *Mr. Robert Drummond* at Auchterarder, *Mr. John MacCleish* at Gask, *Mr. John Storer* at Fossoway, Ministers; *Charles Campbel* of Lochland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumblane, *Mr. Findlay Fergusson* at Balquhiddy, *Mr. John Stark* at Lecropt, Ministers; *Francis Lord Napier*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, *Mr. John Geddes* at Culrois, *Mr. Alexander Daling* at Cleish, *Mr. Thomas Farnie* at Dumfermline, Ministers; *Colin Angus* Merchant in Limekilns, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkaldy, *Mr. James Henry* at Kinghorn, *Mr. John Moodie* at Portmoak, *Mr. Henry Spence* at Weymills, Ministers; *Mr. John Boswell* of Balmuto, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Kirkaldy, Doctor *Robert Hay* of Struie. Burgh of Kinghorn, *John Higgle* Baillie thereof. Burgh of Burntisland, *Samuel Charters* Town Clerk thereof. From the Presbytery of Coupar, *Mr. Alexander Stoddart* at Falkland, *Mr. William Smibert* at Kilmenie, *Mr. Patrick Maxton* at Auchtermuchty, *Mr. Archibald Myles*, at Moonsie, Ministers; the Right Honourable *Alexander* Earl of Leven, and *James MacGill* of Rankeilior, Ruling Elders. Burgh of Coupar, *Mr. James Leslie* Advocate, present Provost thereof. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, *Mr. James Hadow* Principal of the New College at St. Andrews, *Mr. William Dalgleish* at Ferry-partoncraigs, *Mr. Thomas Fullideph*, Principal of St. Leonard's College in St. Andrews, *Mr. John Nairn* at Anstruther-Easter, Ministers; *James Fernie* Merchant in St. Andrews, and *William Anderson* Baillie thereof, Ruling Elders. University of St. Andrews, *Mr. Andrew Shaw* Professor of Divinity in the New College of St. Andrews. From the Presbytery of Meigle, *Mr. David Thomson* at Meigle, *Mr. James Lyon* at Blairgourie, *Mr. David Maxwell* at Essay and Newby, Ministers; the Laird of Muirtoun, Ruling Elder. From the

Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. *George Ogilvy* at Killimuir, Mr. *John Ker* at Forfar; Ministers; *Thomas Adamson* Merchant in Kirmuir, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. *Hugh Maxwell* at Strathmartine, Mr. *Thomas Donaldson* at Liff, Mr. *George Marr* at Muirhouse, Ministers; *John Donaldson* of Invereighty, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Dundee, *James Halyburton* Baillie thereof. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. *Robert Preston* at Arbirlot, Mr. *James Purdie* at Guthrie, Ministers; Baillie *James Doig*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brichen, Mr. *John Row* at Navar, Mr. *David Blair* at Brichen, Mr. *James Ker* at Dun; Ministers; *John Pilmore* Merchant in Montrose, Ruling Elder. Burgh of Montrose, Baillie *James Muirison*. From the Presbytery of Fordoun, Mr. *James Walker* at Dunnottar, Mr. *Thomas Dow* at Bervie, Mr. *James Smith* at Garvock, Ministers; *John Young* of Stank, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. *John Osburn*, Principal of the *Marishal* College at Aberdeen, Mr. *John Lumisden* Professor of Divinity in the King's College there, Mr. *Thomas Reid* at New Machar, Mr. *James Nicolson* at Banchory-Devonick, Ministers; Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, and Mr. *Robert Stewart* late Provost of Aberdeen, Ruling Elders. City of Aberdeen, Provost *Muirison*: King's College, Mr. *George Chalmers*, Principal thereof. From the Presbytery of Kincardin-oniel, Mr. *Alexander Garrioch* at Midmar, Mr. *John MacInnes* at Crathie, Mr. *George Shepherd* at Tarland, Ministers; Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar Bart. Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *William Badenoch* at Alford, Mr. *James Lumisden* at Towie, Mr. *John Lumisden* at Strathdon, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Mitchel* in Fichlie, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *Alexander Howie* at Tarves, Mr. *Robert Innes* at Udney, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Garioch, Mr. *John Lickly* at Old Meldrum, Mr. *Thomas Shepherd* at Bourty, Mr. *James Cock* at Keith-hall, Ministers; the Right Hon. the Lord *Drummore*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *James Walker* at Peterhead, Mr. *John Syme* at Lonmay, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *Andrew Gauld* at Auchterleis, Mr. *David Bennerman* at Forglen, Ministers; *Alexander Grieve* in Monrwhitter, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *James Innes* at Banff, Mr. *James Lawtie* at Cullen, Ministers; with his Grace *James Duke of Athol*, his Grace *Archibald Duke of Argyle*, the most Hon. *John Marquis of Tweeddale*, the Right Hon. *David Earl of Buchan*, Sir *John Clerk of Pennycook*, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Mr. *Patrick Campbell of Monzie*, and Mr. *Alexander Frazer of Strichen*, two of the

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Senators of the College of Justice, Ruling Elders, to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty-one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty-one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, and thereafter the first *Wednesday* of *August*, and second *Wednesdays* of *November* and *March* next to come, and oftener, when and where they shall think fit and convenient; with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator: And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners or their *Quorum*, above-mentioned, to cognosce and finally determine as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, That this General Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, That no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets, and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force, till disapproved by the General Assembly; and the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before-named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert: And that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*, and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, The said Commission, is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals, that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the
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suppressing of Vice and Immorality ; and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likewise to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures, the Confession of Faith, and Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands and Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein ; and if need be, to apply to the Government, for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same ; declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to, and censurable to the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause. And this Commission is to continue and endure, until another Commission be appointed ; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and six ; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission ; and such of the Members of these Presbyteries, as are on the Commission, are required all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof ; and the Presbyteries ; at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care, that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same ; and the Assembly appoint their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions, relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church, shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution ; in that Case, the Commission is hereby prohibited to

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execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings, as has been sometimes the Practice, but shall allow the same to ly over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners, their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in case a favourable Opportunity for so doing shall occur, during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of the Assembly 1736.

IX.

Act concerning the Character and Behaviour of Ministers and Probationers.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1745. Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly considering how much it is for the Honour of GOD and Edification of the Church, that all Ministers and Preachers of the Gospel, be Persons of good Life and Character, do earnestly recommend to, and enjoin all Presbyteries to take Care, that all Ministers behave themselves as becomes their Character; and to be strict in adverting, that young Men whom they Licence to preach the Gospel, be Persons of good Report, and carefully observe their Behaviour after they are licenced; they do also appoint, That the Rules of the Form of Process, *Chap. 7.* with respect to Informations against Ministers of this Church, be extended to Probationers.

X.

*Act and Overture about licensing Probationers.**Edinburgh, May 20th, 1745. Sess. ult.*

THE General Assembly agree to transmit again to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, the Act and Overture about the Manner of licensing Probationers, which had been transmitted by the General Assemblies, in the Years 1742, 1743 and 1744; and do enjoin Presbyteries to send up their Opinion thereupon to the next General Assembly; and do appoint, that the same have the Force of an Act for another Year.

XI.

*ACT appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.**Edinburgh, May 20th, 1745. Sess. ult.*

THE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, being the Tenth Day of that Month, in the Year 1746.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing a Part of the 122 Psalm, from the 6th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly by

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AFTER Sermon, by the Rev. Mr *John Adams*, Minister of the Gospel at *Falkirk*, Moderator of the late General Assembly, the Ministers and Ruling Elders, Members of this Assembly, did convene, and Doctor *William Wishart*, Principal of the University of *Edinburgh*, was chosen Moderator. *May 9th, Sess. 1.*

The King's Commission to the Earl of *Leven*, to represent His Majesty's Royal Person in this Assembly, read, and recorded. *Ibid*

His Majesty's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, read, and ordered to be recorded. *Ibid.*

The Commissioner's Speech at opening this Assembly, and the Moderator's Speech in return thereto. *Ibid*

The King's Warrant for 1000 *l. Sterl.* as his Royal Bounty for maintaining Itinerant Preachers and Catechists, in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, given in by His Majesty's Commissioner, read, and recorded. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to draw an Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Commissions to Members of this Assembly, censure Absents from the Diets of this Assembly, name Ministers to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner, examine the Lists of Probationers in the several Presbyteries, and receive in Lists of Students in Divinity at the several Universities, and Report. *Ibid.*

A Committee for Overtures named, *Ibid.*

A Committee for Bills, References, and Appeals, named. *Ibid.*

Mr. *William Grant* Principal Clerk's Absence, for two Days, excused, and his Deputation of Mr. *Andrew MacDonal*, Advocate, to officiate for him as Clerk, until his Return, agreed to. *Ibid.*

A Diet spent in Prayer, *May 10th, Sess. 2.*

A Report of the Committee appointed by last and preceeding General Assemblies, to paraphrase or translate into Verse, Passages of Sacred Writ brought in, bearing, that there

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there were Versions of several Portions of Scripture, prepared to be transmitted to the General Assembly for their Opinion; and a Committee appointed to revise the said Versions. *Ibid.*

Ministers named to preach before his Grace the King's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Act 7th of the Assembly 1718, for the better Dispatch of Businels, read, and the Oblervation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Answer to the King's most Gracious Letter to this Assembly, brought in and approven; and his Grace the Commissioner undertakes to transmit the same to His Majesty, *May 11. Sess. 3.*

Upon Report of the Committee named Yesterday, to revise the Passages of Scripture translated into Verse; a Committee is appointed to inspect the Records for Precedents as to the Assembly's authorising Performances of that Kind to be used in Publick; and to look into the Appointments made by the last and preceeding Assemblies upon this Subject. *Ibid.*

A Committee of Persons in each Synod, appointed to revise the Register of the Actings of the Commission of the late Assembly, audite the Procurator and Agents Accompts, consider the State of the Church's publick Money, and prepare Overtures about the same, agreeable to the 7th Act of the Assembly 1712, and 8th Act of Assembly 1719, and all Petitions and Claims for any Part of the said Money, ordered to be laid before the said Committee; and they are also appointed to prepare any Overtures or References made by the late Commission to this Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee named by the last Assembly, for managing the Royal Bounty, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, *Ibid.*

Committees named for revising the Registers of the Synods of *Ross*, *Lothian*, and *Tweddale*, *Merse*, and *Teviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, *Glenelg*, *Perth*, and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Murray*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Argyle*, *Aberdeen*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, not being brought up, resolved, that the Reasons thereof be enquired into.

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive the Instructions from the several Presbyteries and Synods, and consider the same and Report. *Ibid.*

The Committee for revising Commissions, directed to meet at rising of this Sederunt of the Assembly, and to lay any Difficulty they have with respect to a Commission from the Presbytery of *Garrioch*, to their Ruling Elder before the Committee for Overtures this Afternoon. *Ibid.*

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The Clerk ordered to deliver upon Receipt, a Process lodged in his Hands, concerning one *Robert Frazer* Appellant, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Forreths*. Ibid. Upon Report of the Committee for revising Commissions; the Commissions from the Presbyteries of *Vist* and *North Isles*, *Inverary* and *Scots Church of Campvere*, in so far as concerns the Ruling Elders therein-named, are rejected; and the Commissions from the Presbytery of *Ayr*, with respect to Mr. *William Walker*; and the Presbytery of *Dumbarton*, so far as concerns Mr. *John Colquhoun*, rejected, in regard the Commissions did not bear their being qualified, according to the several Acts therein-mentioned. *May 13th, Sess. 4.*

Heard the Report of the Committee, for revising Commissions transmitted from the Committee for Overtures, concerning the Election of a Ruling Elder to this Assembly, from the Presbytery of *Garrioch*, mentioning a Commission by them to the Ministers therein-named, and *Thomas Dundas* their Ruling Elder; and also a Commission by certain Ministers, and one Ruling Elder, thereto subscribing, to the Lord *Drummore*, as Ruling Elder, to represent them in the Assembly; and that tho' the Commission to Mr. *Dundas* is every Way formal; yet it appears, there was a protest taken at the Election, and an Appeal and Complaint thereafter taken to this Assembly, against the Presbytery's Judgment, rejecting the Vote of an Elder at the Election of the said Commissioners. Heard also two Petitions, the one of seven Ministers and two Elders, mentioning, that the said Ministers and one Elder had voted for Lord *Drummore*, and that other seven Ministers had voted for Mr. *Dundas*, and by having laid aside the Vote of the said Ruling Elder, the Moderator had given his casting Vote for Mr. *Dundas*, and declared him duly elected, against which Protests were taken. The other Petition for the said Mr. *Dundas* and several Ministers, complaining of Mr. *John Licklie's* sitting and voting in Presbytery, tho' he is only his Father's Assistant, as Minister of *Old Meldrum*; which Parish is said to have been disjoin'd from the Presbytery of *Garrioch*, and annexed to the Presbytery of *Ellon*; and after reasoning, the Assembly found the Complaint against the Election of Mr. *Dundas*, is properly brought before them; and then upon a Question, it carried, not to sustain his Election. After which the Assembly did find the Lord *Drummore* duly elected a Member from the Presbytery of *Garrioch*, and ordered that his Name be enrolled in Place of Mr. *Dundas*. Ibid.

Petition of the Presbytery of *Chirnside*, and Minister of *Ladykirk*, for an Order upon the Procurator and Agents for the Church, at the publick Charges, to carry on the neces-

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necessary Processes for supporting the Minister's Right to Grats as possess'd by his Predecessor, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, praying, that a Preacher be stationed as an Itinerant in the Parishes of *Nether Banchory* and *Fetteresso*, upon a Sallary out of the Royal Bounty, remitted to the Committee to be named for managing the King's Bounty, to be considered by them. *May 14. Sess. 5.*

A Letter from the Synod of *Murray*, bearing the Diligence and Success of Mr. *Thomas MacCulloch* Itinerant Preacher, employed upon the Royal Bounty; and of his having obtained Allowance to preach in a separate Place in the *Enzie* for Worship, distant from the Parish Church, where a great many attend him; and praying he may be stationed and encouraged there, remitted to a Committee to consider the same, and report. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of Heritors, Elders and others, of the Parish of *Menmuir*, Callers of the Rev. Mr. *George Blair* to be their Minister, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, sustaining a Presentation from the Crown, and a Call of others of the said Parish to Mr. *George Ogilvy* Minister of *Cortachy*, to be their Minister, heard, and the said Synod's Sentence affirmed, and the Presbytery of *Brichen* appointed to proceed with all convenient Dispatch to carry on a Process for Mr. *Ogilvie's* Transportation and Settlement as Minister of *Menmuir*, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

Report of the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. together with a State of the said Fund, given in and ordered to ly upon the Table till another Diet, to be perused by Members. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to consider a Representation given in by the foresaid Trustees, with whatever the Trustees may lay before them, respecting their Management of the Fund, and to lay their Report before the Committee for Overtures. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for revising the Commission Book brought in, transmitting Letters to the Moderator of last General Assembly, from the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, and the Right Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons, in return to the Letters of Thanks sent them by Order of said last Assembly, for their Countenance in promoting the Bill in Parliament, for a Provision to Ministers Widows; which Letters were read, and recorded.

The Commission's Conduct approved of, and they were thanked for their Faithfulness and Diligence in the Affairs committed to them; and their Book is ordered to be attested; with a Reservation as to their Decision past in the Case of the Parish of *Moffat*. *Ibid.*

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Several Causes referred by the late Assembly to the said Commission, and not discussed by them, are referred to the Commission to be named by this Assembly, viz. an Overture anent irregular Marriages. An Appeal of *Francis Riddell*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, in a Process of Scandal. Petition for the Printers to the Church, about buying up the printed Acts of the General Assembly. Petition for Mr. *John MacLeod* Minister of *Duirnish*. Appeal of *Quintin Dick* of *Lochspouts*, from the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*. Appeal of *John MacTaggart* and his Spouse, from the Synod of *Glasgow*, finding their Marriage Incestuous. Appeal of *David MacMurtrie*, from the Synod of *Dumfries* Sentence, in a Process against him for Adultery. And an Appeal of *Gilbert MacGhie* in *Canongate*, from a Judgment of the Synod of *Lothian*, in a Process against him for Adultery and Bigamy. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to receive, cognosce, and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal, that may be regularly brought before them, touching the Transportation or Settlement of Mr. *John Gellatly* Minister at *Forgan*, as one of the Ministers of the Town of *Dundee*. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to receive, cognosce, and finally determine in any Question that may be brought before them from the Presbytery or Synod, touching the Settlement of the present Vacancy in the Town of *Perth*, declaring, that any Reference or Appeal from a Presbytery shall be brought before the Synod or Commission, which of them shall first happen to meet. *Ibid.*

Petitions of the Ministers of *Bara* and *Kilmalie*, for their Viaticums out of the publick Money, referred to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Sir *Thomas Wallace* of *Craigie*, Patron, and of the Heritors, Elders, and Heads of Families, of the Parish of *Craigie*, Callers of Mr. *George Bannatyne* Probationer, to be their Minister: Tabling an Appeal from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, reversing a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Ayr*, refusing to hear a Memorial offered to them by Mr. *Wallace* of *Cairnhill*, containing Objections against their Proceeding to the said Mr. *Bannatyne*'s Tryals and Settlement as Minister of *Craigie*, read; and their being another Appeal by *Cairnhill*, against the Synod's refusing to proceed to hear his said Memorial themselves, but remitting it to the Presbytery, to be judg'd of by them, agreed instantly to be dropt: The Assembly considering, that Mr. *Bannatyne* had an undoubted Presentation, and a good Call from the Parish, who still adhere to him, did reverse the Sentence of the said Synod of the third of *October* last, which reversed the Judgment of the Presbytery of *Ayr*, refusing to take in *Cairnhill*'s Memorial, and resolved to proceed to take Steps towards Mr. *Bannatyne*'s Settlement at *Craigie*.

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Craigie, before hearing Objections against him, together with that which in Consequence of this former Act they passed on the fourth of *October*, remitting *Cairnhill's* Memorial to the Presbytery of *Ayr*, appointing them to take it before them, read, judge, and determine anent it; and the said Presbytery of *Ayr* is appointed to go on with Mr. *Bannatyne's* Trials; and that after these are finished, his Edict be served and returned to the Presbytery, before the Day for his Ordination be appointed, that if, on the Day of the Return of the Edict, any Objection be offered, which is contained in the Process already discussed by the Synod of *Glasgow*, no regard be had thereto; and if any new Objections be offered, that they be not received, unless they are offered to be instantly verified, or a Libel subscribed by the Objectors, containing a List of Witnesses. And the Commission is empowered to receive, cognosce, and finally determine in any Reference, Appeal, or Complaint, that shall be regularly brought before them, touching the Trials or Settlement of the said Mr. *Bannatyne*, in the Parish of *Craigie*; but so as not to overleap the Synod, in Case a Meeting thereof intervene. *May 15. Sess. 6.*

A Collection made in the Assembly House for Relief of several Widows and Orphans of Ministers, who have no Title to the Fund established by the late Act of Parliament. *Ibid.*

A Petition of Mr. *William Auld* Minister at *Mauchline*, tabling an Appeal from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Ayr*, finding him guilty of great Imprudence, in throwing out a Story affecting the Character of a Brother, and ordering, that he be admonished, to be more cautious for the future: With another Petition of Mr. *Patrick Wadrow* Minister at *Tarbolton*, a Member of the said Presbytery, praying leave to lay the Case above-mentioned fully before this Assembly, that they may give Judgment thereanent, read, and the said Affair dismissed; and the Assembly recommended to the Brethren of the said Presbytery to bury their Differences in Oblivion, and to live henceforth in Brotherly Love and Friendship. *Ibid.*

The Members from the several Synods appointed to meet by themselves, in order to bring in the Nominators of the Commission of this Assembly, according to the 6th Act of Assembly 1705. *Ibid.*

A List of Persons in the several Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee, to draw the Commission and Instructions, and name the Members of the Commission of Assembly this Year. *May 16. Sess. 7.*

Petition for the Minister of *Contane*, praying for a small Sum out of the Church's publick Money, in order to secure him and his Successors in Office, in a Piece of Grass Ground within an Island adjacent to the Glebe, remitted to the Committee on the publick Accompts. *Ibid.*

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Upon a Petition of the Commissioners from the Presbytery of *Coupar*, the Assembly authorised that Presbytery in filling up their Records, not to insert their Proceedings, had in an Affair concerning Mr. *George Boes* Minister at *Coupar*, providing all Parties concerned, give their Consent thereto. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission, to take in and finally determine, an Appeal of *David Johnston* Tenant in *Priest-side*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, refusing to assilzie him from the Scandal of Fornication. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee that examined the Accompts of the Procurator and Agents for the Church, brought in, and the Accompts ordered to ly upon the Table. *Ibid.*

A Reference of the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, for Decision of a Cause about Settlement of the Parish of *Roberton*, in which are two Calls, the one to Mr. *William Nimmo*, the other to Mr. *John Rodger*, both Probationers, read; and a Committee appointed to confer with the Parties concerned, and prepare an Overture upon the Affair to be reported To-morrow, or at farthest upon *Saturday* next. *Ibid.*

A Complaint of *Thomas Moffat*, *Matthew Allan*, and other Heritors and Elders of the Parish of *Moffat*, against a Sentence of the Commission of the last General Assembly, reversing a Judgment of the Synod of *Dumfries*, in a Trial touching the Character of Mr. *Edward Johnston* Probationer; and appointing the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, to proceed to his Settlement as Minister of *Moffat*; read: As was also an Appeal of the Marquis of *Annandale*, and others of the said Parish, Promoters of Mr. *Johnston's* Settlement, from the said Presbytery's Resolutions, not to proceed to obey the Commission's said Sentence, until the Meeting of this General Assembly; and the Assembly found the Commission did not exceed their Powers, and therefore dismiss the said Complaint; and found the Presbytery not censurable, in delaying to obey the Commission's Sentence, in respect of the then Circumstances of the Case; but do now appoint the said Presbytery to proceed, in Obedience to the said Sentence of the Commission, to the Trials and Settlement of the said Mr. *Edward Johnston* as Minister of *Moffat*, with all convenient Dilpatch, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to converse with the Members from the said Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, and endeavour to remove their Difficulties in proceeding to the said Settlement of *Moffat*. *Ibid.*

The Act 4th, Ass. 1706. Act 16th, Ass. 1707. Act 15th, Ass. 1708, with the Appointment of the Assembly 1742, pointed out by the Committee named on *Saturday* last, to

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- to inspect the Records for Precedents, with respect to the Assembly's authorising Translations or Paraphrases of Passages of Scripture to be used in Publick, read; with the Collection of Passages of Scripture translated into Verse, prepared by the Committee named by last Assembly, and revised by the Committee appointed by this Assembly; and a Committee appointed to prepare an Overture on the Terms on which the said Collection may be transmitted to Presbyteries. *May 17. Sess. 8.*
- The Draught of an Act, with the Specimen of Certificates to be granted by Presbyteries to Ministers Widows and Children; and of the Manner of keeping their separate Records, brought in by the Committee named on *Tuesday* last, to consider the Representation of the Trustees, for managing the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. approven. *Ibid.*
- The State of the Funds under the Management of the fore-said Trustees, read; and the same with the Report of their Proceedings since last General Assembly, together with the Report made last Year to the Assembly, and the Reports annually hereafter to be made by the said Trustees, appointed to be recorded in a separate Register, to be furnished and filled up at the Church's Expence. *Ibid.*
- Recommendation to Deficients, to pay up their *Quotas* to the Collector of the said Fund. *Ibid.*
- A Report and Overture of the Committee appointed to consider the Case of the Parish of *Roberton*, brought in, and after some Amendments, approven; bearing, that considering the Circumstances of the Case, it would not be expedient to proceed to an immediate Decision thereof; and therefore, that the Consideration thereof should be delayed till the next General Assembly, leaving the Cause open as it now stands; and appointing the Moderator to write a Letter to his Grace the Duke of *Douglas*, to assure him of the great Respect this Church has for him and his noble Family; and desiring his Grace to do all that lies in his Power, to relieve the Parish of *Roberton* and Presbytery of *Lanerk*, from the Hardships they at present labour under; and to make Way for a peaceable and comfortable Settlement of the said Parish; and Messieurs *Baillies* elder and younger of *Hardingtoun*, Heritors of the said Parish being present, were exhorted also to concur in so good and laudable a Design. *Ibid.*
- Petition of Mr. *John Lickly*, Assistant Minister of *Old Meldrum*, craving, the Assembly would consider an Act said to be past by the Synod of *Aberdeen*, disjoining the said Parish from the Presbytery of *Garrioch*, for a certain Time, and annexing it to the Presbytery of *Ellon*; and determine to what Presbytery the said Parish shall henceforth belong, referred to the said Synod of *Aberdeen*, at their first Meeting, to consider and determine the Affair;

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fair; and in case any Difficulty arise, that the same be decided by the Commission. *Ibid.*

Act prohibiting Synods to disjoin any Parish from a Presbytery, and annex the same to another, without first having the Authority of the General Assembly. *Ibid.*

A. Petition and Appeal of Mr. *David Blair* Minister of *Brichen*, and of Heritors, Elders, and others of that Parish, Callers of Mr. *George Aitken*, one of the Ministers of *Montrose*, to be second Minister of *Brichen*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, sustaining a Call to Mr. *James Fordice* Probationer, to be Minister of the said Town and Parish, heard, and the said Synod's Sentence affirmed; and the Presbytery of *Brichen*, or such of them, as shall be willing, appointed to proceed with all convenient Dispatch, to the Trials and Settlement of the said Mr. *Fordice* as Minister of *Brichen*, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

Upon the Motion of a Member, the said Presbytery of *Brichen*, or such of them as shall be willing, are appointed to proceed in executing the Assembly's Sentence past upon *Tuesday* last, being the 14th instant, about the Settlement of the Parish of *Menmuir*. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to converse with Mr. *Blair* Minister of *Brichen*, in order to remove any Difficulties he may be under, with relation to the Settlement of Mr. *Fordice* as second Minister of *Brichen*. *Ibid.*

Report and Overture of the Committee named, to consider the Letter from the Synod of *Murray* approved of; and according thereto, a Letter appointed to be wrote to his Grace the Duke of *Gordon*, that he would favour and support the Missionary Preacher in the Country of the *Enzie*; and for that End, grant in Feu or Tack, a small Piece of Ground, for building a Meeting-house for Publick Worship upon, or recommend to the Laird of *Oxbill*, one of his Grace's Feuars in that Country, to give a House for that Purpose; and a Committee named to wait of the said Duke thereanent, so soon as he shall come to *Edinburgh*, *May 18. Sess. 9.*

It being remarked by the Committee for revising Commissions, that there were only twelve Charges in the Presbytery of *Stirling*, till a third Minister was settled in the Town of *Stirling*; which Settlement, entitled that Presbytery to send three Ministers Commissioners to the General Assembly; but, 'tis informed, they claim to be exempted from Payment of the Tax due to the Widows Fund, out of that Vacancy of third Minister insaid Town; the Assembly enjoin the Presbytery of *Stirling*, to take all proper Care to preserve the Erection of a third Minister in the Town of *Stirling*, and the Synod to give them their Advice and Assistance in that Matter; and if the

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the said Erection fails, and is no more to take Place, the Presbytery are certified that in all Time coming, they are only intitled to choose two Ministers, as their Representatives to the General Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Sentence of the greater Excommunication past by the Presbytery of *Biggar*, on *James Rammage* and *Janet Mackie*, in the Parish of *Glenholm*, and Presbytery of *Biggar*, who were guilty of a Relapse in Adultery with one another; and each of them having been twice guilty of Fornication with other Persons; appointed to be intimated from the Pulpits of all the Churches within *Scotland*, according to the 9th Act of Assembly 1704. *Ibid.*

A Letter from the Synod of *Aberdeen*, and another from the Presbytery of *Aberdeen*, craving, that a Missionary Preacher may be employed in the Parishes of *Banchory* and *Fetteresso*, remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty. *Ibid.*

Overture on the Terms upon which the Collection of Passages of Scripture translated into Verse, may be transmitted to Presbyteries, agreed to, after some Amendments. *Ibid.*

The Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, or such of them, as shall be willing, appointed to execute the Sentence past by the Commission of the late Assembly in *November* and *March* last, with respect to the Settlement of the Parish of *Moffat*; and the Commission instructed to cognosce and finally determine in any Question, that shall be brought before them relating to that Settlement. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commission, and preparing Instructions to them, brought in, and read; and, some Additions being proposed to be made to these Instructions, an Overture from the Presbytery of *St. Andrews* was offered, and referred to the Committee for Overtures. *Ibid.*

Petition and Complaint of Heritors, Elders, and Heads of Families of the Parish of *South Vist*, against the Presbytery of *Vist*, for their Proceeding to the Settlement of Mr. *John MacAuley* as Minister of *South Vist*, notwithstanding of a Presentation from the Crown, in favours of Mr. *Neil MacLeod* Probationer, to be Minister of that Parish, duly accepted by him, and concurred with by the Petitioners, with an Appeal from the said Presbytery's Sentence, laying aside the said Presentation, read; and the Settlement of the said Mr. *MacAuley* as Minister of *South Vist*, reversed; and the Presbytery of *Vist*, in Conjunction with the Presbytery of *Sky*, appointed to proceed to take Trials of the Qualifications of the foresaid Mr. *Niel MacLeod*, in order to his Settlement as Minister of *South Vist*; and to meet for the first Time at *Glenelg*, betwixt and the first of *July* next, and thereafter at such

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- Times and Places as they find convenient; and to report to the Commission's Meeting in *November* next, who are impowered to receive, and finally determine, in any Question, relating to the Settlement of the said Parish of South *Vist*. *Ibid.*
- Reference to the Commission, to judge in an Appeal of *William Clark* Writer in *Dumfries*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, in a Process of Scandal brought against him before the Presbytery of *Dumfries*; and the same to be taken in at their Meeting in *May*, if they can possibly overtake it. *Ibid.*
- An Appeal of *John Ferrier* Merchant at the Bridge of *Johnston*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glasgow* and *Ayr*, in a Process of Scandal against him, referred to the Commission. *Ibid.*
- An Appeal of *Andrew Birrell* Shoemaker in *Kinghorn*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Fife*, affirming a Judgment of the Presbytery of *Kirkcaldy*, in a Process of Scandal brought against him, finding him censurable; and appointing him to be rebuked before the Congregation of *Kinghorn*, referred to the Commission. *Ibid.*
- A Petition of Mr. *Andrew Henderson*, whole Licence as a Probationer was suspended by the Synod of *Murray*, and their Sentence affirmed by the Commission of the last General Assembly, craving to be reponed to the Exercise of his Licence, remitted to the said Synod, with Power to them, if they find Cause to repon him. *Ibid.*
- Reference from the Presbytery of *Lanerk*, for Advice concerning Persons falling under Scandal in Parishes, and refusing to submit to Discipline, because they alledge they are not obliged, being of the Society called *Seceders*, referred to the Commission. *Ibid.*
- A Memorial given in by the Earl of *Monteith*, with respect to some Money mortified by the last deceased *William Earl of Monteith*, for the Poor of the Parishes of *Port, Aberfoyle* and *Drymen*; and desiring, that the Ministers of these Parishes, and Presbytery of *Dumblane*, be directed to use proper Means for Recovery thereof; remitted to the Committee for Overtures. *Ibid.*
- The Commission directed, at their Meeting in *May* instant, to take in and determine a Case brought by Appeal from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, by *Gilbert Mac-Ghie* Falconer in *Canongate*, if they can overtake it, *May* the 20th, *Sess. ult.*
- Act approving the Accompts of Mr. *William Grant* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intrusions with his Majesty's Allowance for defraying the publick Charges of the Church for the Terms of *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* 1743, and *Ladyday* and *Midsummer* 1744, and discharging him and his Cautioner thereof, excepting a Balance

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- lance of 3 *l.* 12 *s.* 2½ *Sterling*, in his Hands, which he is to be charged with in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*
- Act approving the Accompts of *Robert MacIntosh*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-Clerk to the General Assembly, his Intromissions with the Church's Money, preceeding the first of *May* current, and ordering Payment of a Balance of 19 *l.* 9½ *Sterling*, due to him.
- Act approving the Accompts of *John Baillie*, Conjoint Agent for the Church, and appointing a Balance of 9 *l.* 4½ *s.* *Sterling*, in his Hands, to be charged on him in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*
- Order for Payment of an Accompt of *John Trail* Stationer, amounting to 5 *l.* 18 *s.* *Sterling*. *Ibid.*
- Report of the Committee for examining the State of the publick Money, brought in and approved of, excepting what respects the Sum of 11 *l.* claimed by Mr. *George Blair* late Minister of *Abernyte*, as being depurged by him in endeavouring to obtain a Gift of Tiends and other Duties, sometime belonging to the Cathedral of *Dunkeld*, for Augmentation to his Stipend; which Claim is referred to the Commission, with Power to order Payment thereof out of the publick Money, upon examining the Accompt and Instructions of his Debursements. *Ibid.*
- Recommendation to the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to give their Assistance to the Minister of *Ladykirk*, in supporting his Claim to *Grass*, as possess'd by his Predecessors. *Ibid.*
- The former Orders on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, for carrying on the necessary Processes for Stipend to the Minister of *Tarland* and *Migvie*, at the Church's Expence, renewed. *Ibid.*
- The former Orders on the Procurator and Agents, for carrying on a Process on the publick Charge, for *Grass* to the Minister of *Tragair*, renewed. *Ibid.*
- The Presbytery of *Dingwall* directed to view the Glebe and *Grass* the present Minister of *Contane* has, and deal with the Heritors to make up what may be wanting of the Legal, and report to the next Assembly. *Ibid.*
- Order for Payment of 6 *l.* *Sterl.* as the Viaticums to each of the Commissioners, from the Presbyteries of *Aber-tarph*, *Uist* and *Kirkwall*, for their Attendance on this Assembly, and a Viaticum resting to Mr. *Thomas Mont-ford* Commissioner from the said Presbytery of *Aber-tarph*, for attending the General Assembly, *Anno* 1734. *Ibid.*
- Petition for the Minister of *Snizort*, craving an Order on the Procurator and Agents for the Church, to carry on a Process at the publick Charges for *Grass* and Glebe to him,

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him, referred to the Procurator to examine, how far the Minister is otherways provided in Grass and Glebe. *Ibid.*
 Upon a Representation, that Lord *John Murray*, Colonel of the *Highland* Regiment in his Majesty's Service, inclines to have a Chaplain of the Communion of this Church, having the *Irish* Language, who must soon be ordained for that Office; and that Mr. *Adam Ferguson* Student in Divinity, Son to the Minister of *Logierate*, in the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, is pitched upon for that Purpose; the General Assembly, in respect of the ample Certificates given of the said Mr. *Ferguson's* Capacity and good Character, and of the peculiar Circumstances of the Case, remitted to, and appointed the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, to take him upon Trials; and, in case they find him qualified, to ordain him, on his passing his first Trials: And Mr. *MacLaggan* is ordered to return Thanks to Lord *John Murray* for his good Disposition towards this Church, and the Interest of Religion. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Register of the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, read; with their Remarks upon the Allowance of 10 *l. Sterl.* given to Mr. *William Blair* Minister of *Kinguissie*; their omitting last Year to send a Missionary Preacher to the large Parish of *Contane*; and their giving too large an Allowance to Mr. *William Grant* Missionary, Minister at Fort *Augustus*, and the Assembly remitted the said Remarks to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year; and ordered the Book to be attested in the usual Form. *Ibid.*

The Draught of a Commission to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, brought in and approved of. *Ibid.*

Report of the Committee for naming Members of the Commission, and drawing Instructions to them, brought in and approved. *Ibid.*

The Instruction from the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, for renewing the Act 7th of the Assembly 1743, delayed. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commission to consider another Instruction from the said Presbytery of *St. Andrews* against Smuggling; and to take to their serious Consideration the great Prevalency of that pernicious Practice, and to fall upon some effectual Methods to discourage it. *Ibid.*

Overture with respect to Processes about the moral Character of Probationers, approved. *Ibid.*

The Act and Overture about the Manner of licensing Probationers transmitted again to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries. *Ibid.*

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Two several Appeals of Heritors, Elders and others of the Parish of *Barr*, the one Callers of Mr. *Robert Fisher* Probationer, and the other of Heritors, Elders and others, Callers of Mr. *James Young* Probationer, to be Minister of the said Parish, from a Resolution of the Presbytery of *Air*, past the 2d *May* instant, finding Difficulties to pass any Sentence in the Cause, and referring the whole to the Decision of this Assembly, heard; and both Calls laid aside, and the Presbytery of *Air* appointed to proceed towards the planting of the said Parish, according to the Rules of this Church. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Ross*, *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merse* and *Teviotdale*, *Galloway*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, attested.

The Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Synod Book of *Glenelg*, bearing, that the said Book is very incorrectly transcribed; and some Blanks therein not filled up, read; and the Assembly recommended to the said Synod, to cause their Clerk to be more accurate in transcribing their Minutes into the Register; and how soon the Blanks are filled up, the said Book is ordered to be attested. *Ibid.*

The Visitors of the Synod Book of *Fife* absent; and a Reference to the Commission to call them to Account for their Absence, and to order the said Book to be attested, if they find Cause. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Visitors of the Synod Book of *Angus* and *Mearns* offered, but none of the Members from the said Synod being present, the Assembly refused to cause attest their Book, and declared their Dissatisfaction with the Brethren Members of the said Synod, for their Non-attendance on the Assembly's Diets. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Murray*, *Sutherland* and *Caithness*, *Orkney*, *Dumfries*, *Argyle* and *Aberdeen*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland* not being brought up to this Assembly, Excuses were offered for the same, and sustained; and their respective Books are appointed to be produced, to be revised by the next General Assembly. *Ibid.*

List of Probationers in the Bounds of 49 Presbyteries produced, amounting to the Number of 164 Probationers, and ordered to be recorded; there being 22 Presbyteries that omitted to send up the Names of their Probationers, and six Presbyteries who reported they had no Probationers in their Bounds, and ordered that Letters be wrote to deficient Presbyteries, requiring them to be more punctual and exact in sending up their Lists annually to the General Assembly. *Ibid.*

Protestation admitted at the Instance of the Synod of *Murray*, and *Francis Lauder* in *Auldearn* against the Presbytery of *Forrester* and *Robert Fraser* of *Kinnudie*, for

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not insisting in their Appeal from a Sentence of the said Synod, reversing a Judgment of the said Presbytery, passing a Censure upon the said *Francis Lauder*, in a Process raised and carried on at the Instance of the said *Robert Fraser*, for an alledged Intention of the said *Francis Lauder* to perjure himself, or border upon it, before the Sheriff-Court of *Nairn*; and the said Appeal declared deserted and fallen from, and void and null, as if the same had never been entered. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt were read; the Minutes of former Sederunts having been all read, at the Diets subsequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee appointed to revise the Minutes of this Assembly's Proceedings, at this, and all the other Diets thereof, and to direct such of the Acts of this Assembly as are to be standing Rules, or are of publick Use, to be printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Assembly, and to his Majesty's Commissioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commissioner made a Speech in Return, and then the Assembly was concluded. *Ibid.*

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